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PYGMY DROSERA

FOUND AT

LAKE CLIFTON

Drosera species are carnivorous plants. They capture insects with a sticky mucous on their “tentacles” then excrete enzymes that digest the insect.

A *Pygmy Drosera*, possibly *Drosera nitidula*, has been found at Lake Clifton. This tiny drosera is about 1cm , or a little bit more, in diameter, and occurs on a patch of practically bare sand.

To see the intricate details of this tiny Drosera, you will need very good eyesight, a zoom lens on your camera or a magnifying glass.

To find this Drosers, enter the bush behind the Telstra repeater tower at the top of the hill on Old Bunbury Rd. Follow the sand track, keeping to the left. About 500m along you will see a second bare sand pile. The drosera occurs in about a 5 sqm patch at the front of this sand pile and extends into the leaf litter on the west side. Tread very carefully as the drosera are “everywhere”. **ENJOY!!!**

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